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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT FOR MRS. GALLAGHER AND MRS. DYQKES

1. SOURCE CLOSE TO LEADERSHIP OF GROUP BELIEVED TO BE HOLDING TWO KIDNAPPED USIA OFFICERS HAS TOLD US THAT ON FEBRUARY 5 ONE OF GROUP'S LEADERS TOLD HIM BOTH OFFICERS "ARE ALIVE AND UNDER OUR CONTROL", THAT ONE OF OFFICERS "IS SICK", AND THAT DOCTOR HAD RECENTLY TREATED HIM.

2. SOURCE ALSO INDICATED GROUP HOLDING OFFICERS REALIZES THAT THEY ARE NOT POLITICALLY IMPORTANT USG OFFICIALS AND THAT UNDER LONG-STANDING POLICY USG WILL NOT BARGAIN FOR THEIR RELEASE, BUT GROUP STILL HOPES TO "GET SOMETHING" OUT OF SOMEONE FOR THEIR RELEASE.

3. WE ARE TAKING EVERY OCCASION TO REMIND LEBANESE AUTHORITIES OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN RELEASE OFFICERS, AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES PLANS TO MAKE STRONG
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REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS THEME TO PRESIDENT FRANJIEH

AND PRIME MINISTER KARAME DURING FORTHCOMING CALLS.

4. IN ADDITION, SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED
OUR CONCERN OVER LENGTHY DELAY IN RELEASE OF
OFFICERS AND OF OUR HOPE THAT SYRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL
TAKE DIRECT INTEREST IN MATTER.
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